LCO No. 4071

## AN ACT REQUIRING A SURVEY OF COURT-INVOLVED YOUTHS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) As used in this section, "court-
- 2 involved youths" means any individual under the age of eighteen years
- 3 who has had direct interaction with or is engaged in a proceeding before
- 4 any constituent court of the Judicial Branch, or receives services through
- 5 a program administered by or on behalf of the Judicial Branch.
- 6 (b) For the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023,
- 7 the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch shall conduct
- 8 a survey of court-involved youths for the purpose of determining the
- 9 adequacy of existing Judicial Branch services with respect to lesbian,
- 10 gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youths and the need for any
- 11 additional or improved services for such youths. Such survey shall
- ascertain (1) the court-involved youth's (A) age, (B) race, (C) sexual
- orientation, and (D) gender identity, and (2) any other information
- 14 deemed necessary by the division. No court-involved youth shall be
- 15 required to complete such survey and the answers to such survey shall
- 16 be collected anonymously.
- 17 (c) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Court Support Services Division
- 18 of the Judicial Branch shall submit a report, in accordance with the
- 19 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
- 20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

- 21 relating to children. Such report shall include the results of the survey
- 22 conducted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and any
- 23 recommendations for additional or improved Judicial Branch services
- 24 for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youths.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section